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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING DUWAYNE ABE AS HAWAII'S 2014 NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL, KEITH HAYASHI AS HAWAII'S 2015 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, ELYNNE CHUNG AS HAWAII'S 2015 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, JACQUE SHANER AS HAWAII'S 2015 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, AND ERNEST BROWN DESILVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HALEIWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND RED HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS 2014 HAWAII BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, principals play a critical role in establishing a  
2 school's culture and academic environment and providing a place  
3 for students to develop crucial learning skills and habits  
4 needed as they progress in their education; and  
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6 WHEREAS, DUWAYNE ABE, the Principal at Salt Lake Elementary  
7 School, is Hawaii's 2014 National Distinguished Principal due to  
8 his extraordinary dedication and passion to improving the  
9 school's academics, which have resulted in greatly improved  
10 graduation and faculty retention rates; and  
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12 WHEREAS, as a result of his "School of the Heart"  
13 philosophy, which promotes respect at Waipahu High School, KEITH  
14 HAYASHI, the Principal at Waipahu High School, has been selected  
15 as the 2015 High School Principal of the Year; and  
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17 WHEREAS, after taking the helm in 2010 and as a result of  
18 her determination to insist on what is best for the students,  
19 ELYNNE CHUNG has transformed Mililani Middle School, despite  
20 facing unique challenges as one of just four year-round multi-  
21 track schools in Hawaii, into a flourishing educational  
22 institution; and  
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24 WHEREAS, JACQUE SHANER, the Principal at Kaneohe Elementary  
25 School, is the 2015 Hawaii Elementary Assistant Principal of the  
26 Year due to her strong leadership skills and unwavering  
27 dedication to educate and serve the students and community; and



1 WHEREAS, three elementary schools, distinguishing  
2 themselves as examples of educational excellence, have been  
3 designated as Blue Ribbon Schools in the State of Hawaii and  
4 have earned nominations as national Blue Ribbon Schools; and  
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6 WHEREAS, ERNEST BOWEN DESILVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL's School-  
7 Home partnership, focused use of differentiated instruction,  
8 inclusion of IDEA students, and a support system that places a  
9 trained tutor in classrooms as part of the school's Response To  
10 Intervention is a key factor in DeSilva's long-standing success  
11 and, in addition to the "can-do" attitude of the classroom  
12 teachers on adapting to change and preparing young students for  
13 a technologically advanced world has contributed to the school  
14 being recognized as a 2014-2015 Hawaii Blue Ribbon School; and  
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16 WHEREAS, through hard work and perseverance, HALE'IWA  
17 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has made impressive progress in meeting its  
18 educational goals and has been named a 2013-2014 Hawaii Blue  
19 Ribbon School through the resilience, caring, and hard work of  
20 an incredible faculty and staff that lies at the heart of  
21 Hale'iwa's students' success which cultivates an environment that  
22 appreciates and values the social and emotional well-being of  
23 students because they believe that such a nurturing culture is  
24 the foundation for developing academically successful students;  
25 and  
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27 WHEREAS, the focus of RED HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on  
28 administering an educational program that is rigorous with  
29 enriching experiences for all students and the school's goal of  
30 developing the "whole child", both academically and socially,  
31 contribute to RED HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS's status as a 2012-  
32 2013 Hawaii Blue Ribbon School; now, therefore,  
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
35 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
36 Session of 2015, that this body hereby commends, congratulates,  
37 and honors DUWAYNE ABE, KEITH HAYASHI, ELYNNE CHUNG, JACQUE  
38 SHANER, ERNEST BOWEN DESILVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HALEIWA  
39 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND RED HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for their  
40 outstanding accomplishments and much-deserved recognition, and



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1 extends its sincere mahalo and best wishes for continued success  
2 in all future endeavors.  
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